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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on September 4, 1997]

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the management of water-related facilities in the Western
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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the*
 3 *“Water-Related Technical Corrections Act of 1997”.*

4 (b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—*The table of contents of this*
 5 *Act is as follows:*

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Reduction of waiting period for obligation of funds provided under Rec-
lamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978.

Sec. 3. Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Reclamation and Reuse Project.

Sec. 4. Phoenix Metropolitan Water Reclamation and Reuse Project.

Sec. 5. Refund of amounts received as paid form compensation bills under Rec-
lamation Reform Act of 1982.

Sec. 6. Extension of periods for repayments for Nueces River reclamation project
and Canadian River reclamation project, Texas.

Sec. 7. Solano Project Water.

6 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR OBLIGATION**

7 **OF FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER RECLAMATION**

8 **SAFETY OF DAMS ACT OF 1978.**

9 *Section 5 of the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of*
 10 *1978 (92 Stat. 2471; 43 U.S.C. 509) is amended by striking*
 11 *“sixty days” and all that follows through “day certain)”*
 12 *and inserting “30 calendar days”.*

13 **SEC. 3. ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN AREA RECLAMA-**

14 **TION AND REUSE PROJECT.**

15 *Section 1621 of the Reclamation Projects Authoriza-*
 16 *tion and Adjustment Act of 1992, as added by section*
 17 *2(a)(2) of the Reclamation Recycling and Water Conserva-*
 18 *tion Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 3292; 43 U.S.C. 390h–12g), is*
 19 *amended—*

20 (1) *in the heading by striking “STUDY”; and*

21 (2) *in subsection (a)—*

1 (A) by inserting “the planning, design, and
2 construction of” after “participate in”; and

3 (B) by striking “Study” and inserting
4 “Project”.

5 **SEC. 4. PHOENIX METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION**
6 **AND REUSE PROJECT.**

7 Section 1608 of the Reclamation Projects Authoriza-
8 tion and Adjustment Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 4666; 43 U.S.C.
9 390h–6) is amended—

10 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
11 lows:

12 “(a) The Secretary, in cooperation with the city of
13 Phoenix, Arizona, shall participate in the planning, design,
14 and construction of the Phoenix Metropolitan Water Rec-
15 lamation and Reuse Project to utilize fully wastewater from
16 the regional wastewater treatment plant for direct municipi-
17 pal, industrial, agricultural, and environmental purposes,
18 groundwater recharge, and direct potable reuse in the Phoe-
19 nix metropolitan area.”;

20 (2) in subsection (b) by striking the first sen-
21 tence; and

22 (3) by striking subsection (c).

1 **SEC. 5. REFUND OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED AS PAID FORM**
2 **COMPENSATION BILLS UNDER RECLAMATION**
3 **REFORM ACT OF 1982.**

4 (a) *REFUND REQUIRED.*—Subject to subsection (b)
5 and the availability of appropriations, the Secretary of the
6 Interior shall refund fully amounts received by the United
7 States as collections under section 224(i) of the Reclamation
8 Reform Act of 1982 (101 Stat. 1330–268; 43 U.S.C.
9 390ww(i)) for paid form compensation bills (including in-
10 terest collected) issued by the Secretary of the Interior before
11 January 1, 1994, for furnishing certificates under sections
12 206 and 224(c) of such Act (96 Stat. 1266, 1272; 43 U.S.C.
13 390ff, 390ww(c)).

14 (b) *ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.*—In the case of a refund of
15 amounts collected in connection with sections 206 and
16 224(c) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat.
17 1266, 1272; 43 U.S.C. 390ff, 390ww(c)) with respect to any
18 water year after the 1987 water year, the amount refunded
19 shall be reduced by an administrative fee of \$260 for each
20 occurrence so refunded.

21 (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—There are
22 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
23 \$3,000,000.

1 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF PERIODS FOR REPAYMENTS FOR**
 2 **NUECES RIVER RECLAMATION PROJECT AND**
 3 **CANADIAN RIVER RECLAMATION PROJECT,**
 4 **TEXAS.**

5 *Section 2 of the Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1996*
 6 *(Public Law 104–318; 110 Stat. 3862) is amended by add-*
 7 *ing at the end the following new subsection:*

8 “(c) *EXTENSION OF PERIODS FOR REPAYMENT.*—*Not-*
 9 *withstanding any provision of the Reclamation Project Act*
 10 *of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485 et seq.), the Secretary of the Inte-*
 11 *rior—*

12 “(1) *shall extend the period for repayment by the*
 13 *City of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Nueces River*
 14 *Authority under contract No. 6–07–01–X0675, relat-*
 15 *ing to the Nueces River reclamation project, Texas,*
 16 *until—*

17 “(A) *August 1, 2029, for repayment pursu-*
 18 *ant to the municipal and industrial water sup-*
 19 *ply benefits portion of the contract; and*

20 “(B) *until August 1, 2044, for repayment*
 21 *pursuant to the fish and wildlife and recreation*
 22 *benefits portion of the contract; and*

23 “(2) *shall extend the period for repayment by the*
 24 *Canadian River Municipal Water Authority under*
 25 *contract No. 14–06–500–485, relating to the Cana-*

1 *dian River reclamation project, Texas, until October*
2 *1, 2021.”.*

3 **SEC. 7. SOLANO PROJECT WATER.**

4 *(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior is*
5 *authorized to enter into contracts with the Solano County*
6 *Water Agency, or any of its member unit contractors for*
7 *water from the Solano Project, California, pursuant to the*
8 *Act of February 21, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 523), for—*

9 *(1) the impounding, storage, and carriage of*
10 *nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial,*
11 *and other beneficial purposes, using any facilities as-*
12 *sociated with the Solano Project, California, and*

13 *(2) the exchange of water among Solano Project*
14 *contractors, for the purposes set forth in paragraph*
15 *(1), using facilities associated with the Solano*
16 *Project, California.*

17 *(b) LIMITATION.—The authorization under subsection*
18 *(a) shall be limited to the use of that portion of the Solano*
19 *Project facilities downstream of Mile 26 of the Putah South*
20 *Canal as depicted on the official maps of the Bureau of*
21 *Reclamation, and to that portion of the Solano Project fa-*
22 *cilities below the diversion points on the Putah South Canal*
23 *utilized by the city of Fairfield for delivery of Solano*
24 *Project water.*